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Hunting Access Program

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources leases private lands throughout southern Michigan for public hunting through the Hunting Access Program (HAP). This guide lists all property under lease through this program on pages 5-11. The lands generally are available on a first-come, first-served basis. To make sure you have a place to hunt, make contacts early if you are planning to hunt HAP lands.

The guide lists the farm headquarters where daily permits are to be picked up each day you hunt the property. The locations listed include township and section numbers where the land is located. A township is a 36-square-mile area (although many vary) with section numbers assigned. Maps of the county are available at bookstores and the county road commission.



Remember, when you use properties listed in this book, you and your hunting party are guests of the landowner. As guests, you should register with your host or at the host's self-registration site each time you visit the property. Annual permits are not permitted. Appropriate conduct helps ensure your host will invite you to return next year.

All guests in a hunting party are required to have a yellow hunter tag in their possession at all times when using the host's property.

Guests are required to return the hunter tags to the host or self-registration box after each day's hunt.

Do not register or take a daily permit if you are not actively hunting.

1. Observe all instructions of the landowner.
2. Know the property boundaries and do not trespass on adjacent property.
3. Do not block field access routes or drive in fields without the host's permission.
4. Leave no trash.
5. Place tree stands or build blinds only with the landowner's permission.
6. Observe all hunting and trapping rules and regulations.

Commercial Forest (CF) Lands

Nearly 2.2 million acres of privately owned forests enrolled in the CF program are accessible by foot to the public for fishing and hunting. Use of motorized vehicles for fishing and hunting access is at the landowner's discretion. The CF lands are not posted or signed as commercial forests and may be fenced or gated. The presence of a fence or gate does not prohibit public foot access to CF lands for fishing or hunting. The owner may restrict public access during periods of active commercial logging to ensure public safety.

Other than foot access for the acts of hunting or fishing, activities such as (but not limited to) camping, leaving anything unattended (e.g., bait, blinds, traps, etc.), and damaging or injuring vegetation (e.g. cutting/nailing) require the landowner's permission. Commercial activity on CF lands is not allowed for any purpose other than forestry or oil and gas extraction. A public-land antlerless deer license is required on CF land.

Legal descriptions of land listed in this program are available on the DNR website at www.michigan.gov/gohunt under "Where Can I Hunt?"



Private-land antlerless deer license

A private-land antlerless deer license for the appropriate Deer Management Unit (DMU) can be used on HAP lands. To purchase a private-land antlerless deer license valid on HAP lands, if the landowner's number is not available, the phone number 999-999-9999 can be used.

Use CF Lands with Respect

Although the general public has a right to fish and hunt on CF lands, the property is privately owned and subject to normal private property rights. Unless you have permission of the property owner, the right to fish and hunt on the land does not extend to associated activities such as, but not limited to, the following:

- Littering.
- Camping.
- Cutting shooting lanes, or cutting or destroying brush, trees or other plants for any purpose.
- Using nails, bolts, wire, tree steps or other material or activities which harm, lessen or destroy the value of trees, or create a potentially hazardous wood-harvesting condition.
- Temporarily or permanently abandoning of property, including tree stands or other hunting apparatus.
- Constructing blinds or constructing or placing other structures, except for gathering dead materials found on the ground.
- Target shooting or sighting-in firearms.
- Using ORVs or other vehicles on private property. If vehicles are allowed by the property owner, care should be taken to avoid blocking access to roads or parking areas.

A person engaging in an activity not allowed by a property owner may be criminally or civilly liable, or both.

If you have questions about this program or specific CF lands, contact the nearest DNR office or DNR Forest Management Division, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909-7952, or call 517-373-1275.



Tips for Asking Permission to Hunt Other Private Land

1. State law requires that you obtain verbal permission from the landowner. Only the landowner can give hunting permission.
2. Obtain permission to hunt several farms. This assures you of a place to hunt if others are using the property or the landowner is not home.
3. Obtain permission well in advance of the time you plan to hunt. Do not wait until the last minute. Plan your visit early in the evening when the landowner, especially if a farmer, is likely to be home. If you will scout the area before hunting season, also request permission for that time.
4. Ask for permission by yourself or with one other person; do not take your entire hunting party up to the door. When approaching the landowner or family for permission, NEVER carry your gun and keep any dogs in your vehicle.
5. If you cannot visit the landowner in person, then write an appropriate and friendly letter. Do not just stick a small note on the door. Your letter may request a date/time when you can talk in person, or you can make arrangements by mail or telephone. Do so at the landowner's preference.
6. Be prepared to provide your name and contact information and the dates and times when you would like to hunt a described portion of the land (e.g., the back 40 acres of the woods and cropland). The landowner may limit party size, ORVs or more.
7. Ask the landowner if there are any crop fields or other areas of the farm that should not be hunted.



8. Never shoot near farm buildings or where any people or livestock are living. Observe all safety zone areas – 450 feet from possibly inhabited structures.
9. Leave any gates you encounter the way you found them. If a gate is open, leave it open after you pass through. If a gate is closed, close it after you pass through.
10. Do not leave any trash. If you find litter already there, pick it up.
11. When the hunt is over, thank the landowner for the opportunity to hunt. Then he or she will know that you have left the farm and will not worry about you being lost or stuck on the property.
12. It always is wise and polite to offer the landowner a portion of your harvest off the land, such as a piece of game or portion of venison, once your game is cleaned or butchered. This goodwill gesture, along with the recommendations above, will help your relationship with the landowner. It also may help provide others with hunting opportunities from this landowner, and it helps build a positive image of hunting.

Your dollars at work for your hunting enjoyment

Thank you for purchasing a Michigan hunting license. Your hunting license dollars help restore and improve habitats for wildlife species, advance research on wildlife and wildlife-borne diseases, foster programs that help ensure access for public hunting, support hunter safety education and much more. We encourage you to keep hunting and to share your experiences with others. In doing so, you can do your part to keep our state's hunting heritage alive for future generations.

The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act places an excise tax on firearms, handguns, ammunition and archery equipment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service apportions these funds to state wildlife agencies to be used for wildlife management, research, habitat acquisition, game area and shooting range development, and hunter education. Since its inception in 1937, Michigan's share of the Wildlife Restoration funds has reached almost \$150 million.



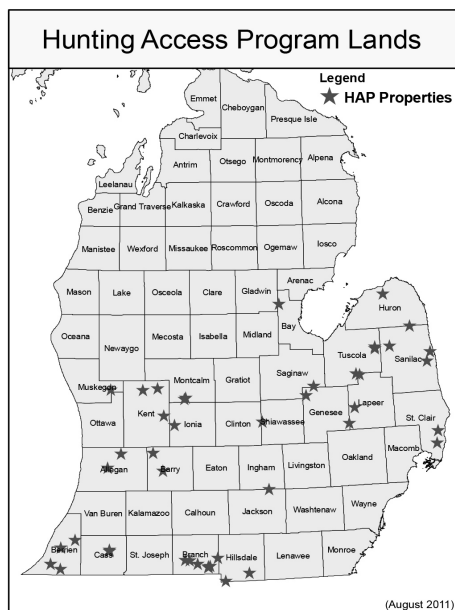
**Your purchase
of hunting
equipment
supports
Wildlife Restoration**

Important New Changes to HAP:

Utilizing funds from a federal Voluntary Public Access – Hunter Incentive Program grant, the DNR is working to increase HAP enrollment and hunting opportunities in southern Michigan. Grant funds will be used to add new HAP farms over the next two years. Check the HAP website www.michigan.gov/hap for an updated list of HAP farms as farms may be added after this digest is printed.

To help hunters locate and scout HAP lands, aerial photographs of HAP properties will be available soon on the DNR's interactive hunting map application, Mi-HUNT, and on the HAP webpage:

www.michigan.gov/hap.



In order to make HAP more attractive to private landowners and encourage enrollment, HAP now offers a variety of hunting options. Landowners may choose to open their land to hunting for all legal species, deer only, turkey only, small game only, youth and apprentice hunting only, or a combination of these options. Up to two licensed adults may accompany each youth or apprentice hunter. Providing hunting options will provide the flexibility landowners have requested to participate in HAP. Remember to verify the type(s) of hunting allowed on each parcel before hunting.

The habitat-type key for HAP lands is:

WW – Wetland Wildlife (ducks, geese)

FW – Forest Wildlife (deer, squirrel, rabbit, grouse)

FA – Farmland Wildlife (pheasant, rabbit, deer)

CC – Cropped Land

Example: 20FW means 20 acres of land suitable for hunting forest wildlife species.

The hunt-type key for HAP lands is:

A = All Hunting

YA = Youth & Apprentice Hunting

(Up to 2 adults may accompany each youth or apprentice)

SG = Small Game Hunting Only

D = Deer Hunting Only

T = Turkey Hunting Only

Landowner Name	Farm Headquarters	Township/Sections	Habitat Type	Permits	Service Type	Hunt Type
ALLEGAN Bolks, Ervin J. No Sunday Hunting	126th Ave. Just E. of 41st St., Dunningville	Heath, 27	74FW, 5FA	8	Self-Service Box	A
	4124 27th St., Dorr	Salem, 23	2WW, 32FW 12FA, 7CC	5	Mandatory Check-In	A
BARRY Peake & Sons, Ira	5000 Head Rd., Hastings	Hope, 4,5,8	5WW, 188FW 157FA, 129CC	50	Mandatory Check-In	A
	9725 Finkbeiner Rd., Middleville	Thornapple, 15, 22,24	10WW, 115FW 137FA	20	Self-Service Box	A
BAY Schnettler, Clara	Mt. Forest Rd, W. of Flajole, Rhodes	Mt. Forest, 7	160FW	16	No Check-In	A
BERRIEN Doughten, Howard	1665 Dayton Rd., Buchanan	Bertrand, Buchanan, Bert.-4,5; Buch.-31	28FW, 108FA 175CC	31	Mandatory Check-In	A
	5844 Scottdale Rd., Berrien Springs	Bainbridge, 29 Royalton, 30	107FA	5	Mandatory Check-In Check-In at Farm Office	A
Hass, Donald	4400 Bailey Rd., EauClaire	Pipestone, 16	20FW, 55FA	7	Self-Service Box	A
Sinner, Alex	14967 S. Pardee Rd.,	Weesaw 21	43FW, 8FA, 120CC	15	Mandatory Check-In	A

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BRANCH Flaherty, James	224 Grass Lake Rd., Coldwater	Ovid, 20, 29	3FW, 53FA	6	Mandatory Check-In	A
	638 Lester Reading	Ovid, 36	31WW, 12FW 6FA, 22CC	6	Self-Service Box	A
	866 Lester Reading	Algansee, 29	24FW, 43FA	6	Self-Service Box	A
Grove, John H.	638 S. Fremont Rd., Reading	Algansee, 31	6WW, 11FW 160FA	10	Self-Service Box	A
Smith, Sharon	across from 182 Stringtown Rd., Quincy	Algansee, 1	11FW, 58FA	5	Self-Service Box	A
Smoker, Ralph	678 W. Central Rd. Bronson	Bethel, 7	20FW, 41FA	5	Mandatory Check-In	A
Wasikowski, Lucille	285 S. Snow Prairie Rd., Coldwater	Bethel, 9,10	18FW, 52CC	4	Mandatory Check-In	A
CASS Sparks Cedarlee Farm	57900 Penn Rd., Cassopolis	Penn, 10,15	4WW, 10FW 87FA, 42CC	15	Self-Service Box	A
	57900 Penn Rd., Cassopolis	Penn, 15	17WW, 9FW 21FA, 23CC	7	Self-Service Box See Carl Sparks Farm	A

GENESEE Laba, Michael	8467 Wilson Rd., Otisville	Forest, 17,20,21	2WW, 207FW 19FA, 68CC	20	Self-Service Box	19	A
	7611 W. Territorial Rd., Montgomery	Camden, 3,10	1WW, 27FW 111FA	10	Mandatory Check-In		YA
HILLSDALE Penoyar, Lyllys	6840 Burt Rd., Waldron	Ransom, Wright, R-15, 22 W-19	26FW, 119FA 211CC	10	Mandatory Check-In		A
	5416 McMillan Rd., Port Austin	Hume, Meade, H-33,34; M-3,4	31FW, 42FA 302CC	22	Mandatory Check-In		A
HURON Pettit, Irene	corner of Huron Line and Parisville Rd., Minden City	Paris, 35	68FW	6	Self-Service Box		A
	5406 Haynes Rd., Stockbridge	Bunkerhill, Henrietta, B-34; H-2,3	75FW, 29FA 176CC	18	Self-Service Box		A
INGHAM Mikelonis, Gabriele	9150 Centerline Rd., Saranac	Boston, Keene, B-4; K-33	60FW, 135FA 35CC	8	Mandatory Check-In		A
IONIA Sprague, Dale/Juanita							

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KENT Remer, Robert J.	3375 17 Mile Road, Cedar Springs	Solon, 26	2WW, 24FW 50FA	5	Mandatory Check-In	A
	VanderPloeg, Robert	Vergennes, 9	3WW, 41FW 116CC	15	Self-Service Box	A
Wollander, Donald	14863 Keller, Cedar Springs	Spencer, 18	45FW, 49FA 56CC	1	Self-Service Box	A
LAPEER Anderson, Thomas	9731 Rich Rd., Mayville	Rich, 5	6FW, 74CC	6	Self-Service Box	A
	Dipka, George	Approx. 0.6 miles east of. Washburn Rd on Brigham Rd. on old farm lane),Davison	12WW, 32FW 66FA	11	Self-Service Box	A
Nelson, Robert	4375 W. Oregon Rd., Lapeer	Elba, 3,6	3WW, 60FW	11	Self-Service Box	A
Thayer, William	672 Swaffer Rd., Mayville	Rich, 8	10FW, 18FA, 50CC	8	Self-Service Box	A
White, Harold	9731 Rich Rd., Mayville	Rich, 6	21FA, 217CC	10	Self-Service Box	A
MONTCALM Hansen, L.A. No Driving on Land	9252 Barnes Rd., Greenville	Fairplains, 16,21,22	6WW, 24FW 80FA, 38CC	15	Self-Service Box	A
	Wyckoff, William	4282 W. Fenwick Rd., Greenville	5WW 86FW, 9FA	8	Mandatory Check-In	A

MUSKEGON

Lund, James 1 685 19 Mile Rd., Cedar Springs Moorland, 25 20FW, 40FA 9 Self-Service Box A

SANILAC

Kolodziej, Eugene 4444 Shabbona Rd., Snover Evergreen, 13 40FW 4 No Check-In A

Nicklas, Frank 795 S. Goetze Rd.,
Carsonville Washington 12
Sanilac 7 2WW, 296FA
40FW 25 Self-Service Box A

O'Mara, Daniel E.
Carsonville 1591 N Ridge Rd.,
Forester, 17 38FW, 78FA 13 Mandatory Check-In A

SHIAWASSEE

Holczman, Margaret Hibbard Rd. 1/8 Mi. E of
Balscom Rd., Middlebury Middlebury, 33 17WW, 49FW
69FA 13 Self-Service Box A

ST. CLAIR

Langmesser, Kenneth 1730 Kennedy Rd.,
St. Clair St. Clair,
22,27 36FW, 12FA
87CC 12 Self-Service Box A

Zweng, Fred 6234 Meisner Rd.,
East China China, 21 49FW, 67FA
36CC 12 Self-Service Box A

Landowner Name Farm Headquarters Township/Sections Habitat Type Permits Service Type Hunt Type

TUSCOLA

Kloc, Walter 5706 Shabbona Rd.,
Deford Novesta, 20,29 17FW
13FA, 48CC 7 No Check-In A

Merkel, Kenneth Corner of Brown and
Fostoria, Mayville Fremont, 35 3FW, 15FA 7 No Check-In A

Tunis, Charles 1738 Cemetery Rd.,
Deford Novesta, 27, Koylton, 1 54FW, 35FA
104CC 13 Mandatory Check-In A

Are You interested in Enrolling in the Hunting Access Program?

If your property is located in the southern half of the Lower Peninsula and if you are interested in receiving payment to allow public hunting on your property, you may wish to participate in the Hunting Access Program.

Landowners are free from liability as stated in P.A. 451: "No cause of action shall arise for injuries to persons hunting on lands leased under HAP unless the injuries were caused by the gross negligence of willful and wanton misconduct of the owner, tenant, or lessee."

If you would like an application and details on how to join the program, or if you have any questions or comments, please contact the DNR HAP Coordinator:

517-641-4903, x228
Rose Lake Field Office
8562 E. Stoll Rd.
East Lansing, MI 48823



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